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A Recap of Bike Month in Northern Colorado

Although May is recognized nationally as Bike Month, Colorado waits until June to celebrate to account for the State's unpredictable spring weather, especially in mountain communities. The monthlong celebration in Northern Colorado was larger this year than ever before!



Riders fuel up at a Bike to Work Day station in Fort Collins. Image Credit: City of Fort Collins

National Trails Day on Saturday, June 2 kicked off the month with several trail improvement projects across the region. On June 3, Fort Collins shut down Stuart Street between Remington Street and Edora Park to motorized traffic for its first of two Open Streets events in 2018 to promote safe transportation for all. The City of Greeley hosted a Full Moon Bike Ride on June 28 at the Poudre Learning Center. The City of Loveland Public Works Department helped coordinate 13 events throughout the community in June including guided bike tours, charity rides, Bike to Church Day, and much more.

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Bike to work day was celebrated amongst communities all across Colorado. Image Credit: CDOT

For many Coloradans, the pinnacle of Bike Month is Bike to Work Day, celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of June. This year, on June 27, agencies and sponsors partnered to host 111 breakfast stations or afternoon/evening stops across the North Front Range region, up from 100 stations in 2017.

The City of Loveland and Keysight Technologies, Inc. also sponsored a two-month Bike to Work Challenge for employers in the region from May 1 through June 28. Staff from the City of Loveland, the Town of Windsor, and the NFRMPO competed with nine other teams for a traveling trophy. 197 employees participated in the Challenge, logging 35,124 commute miles and saving over 1,400 gallons of gas! CSU Atmospheric Cyclists won the second annual Challenge and will hold onto the trophy until next year.

Greeley Hosts CASTA Spring Conference

Each May, the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) hosts its Spring Conference in a Front Range community. This year, CASTA held the event at the new DoubleTree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park. More than 130 transit professionals from across the State came to Greeley to learn, network, and share experiences.

Conference topics overall included transit management, supervisor development, driver safety, system safety, human services issues, maintenance, and FTA and CDOT policy issues. Key highlights of the conference were Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)'s tour of their new transit center and a day dedicated to electric buses.

GET hosted a tour of the new GET Regional Transportation Center, showing off the upgraded space, which serves as the hub for transit and intercity bus service in Greeley. In addition to GET staff, the architect (Stantec, formerly RNL) and traffic planners (Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig – FHU) also attended to describe the design and construction phases of the project.



CASTA conference attendees listen as FHU staff describes traffic flow at the GET Regional Transportation Center. Image Credit: NFRMPO Staff.

On May 17, the conference focused on electric buses, including how to procure them, what to consider before purchasing, the experience of agencies that have already purchased electric buses, and an electric bus showcase.

Session presentations and other information about the conference is available at the CASTA website: www.coloradotransit.com.



NFRMPO Staff answering questions about transportation and air quality in Northern Colorado. Image Credit: NFRMPO Staff

NFRMPO Coming to a Festival Near You!

Each summer season, NFRMPO staff attend events in member communities to discuss projects staff are working on, to get feedback from the public, and to explain how the NFRMPO benefits the region. This year, NFRMPO staff will be focused on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan as well as general discussions about regional transportation issues.

At these events, NFRMPO staff provides informational items like brochures, fact sheets, and retractable banners; free giveaways like lollipops, tote bags, and balloons; and, an opportunity to test your knowledge with Transportation Trivia.

In addition to transportation projects, air quality issues are also a major topic. Because the North Front Range region is an ozone nonattainment area, the NFRMPO partners with the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) to Continued on Next Page... provide information on ways individuals can limit or reduce their impact on air quality. Simple steps such as mowing in the morning or at night, taking transit, or combining errands can improve the air for all Coloradans. The most up-to-date public outreach calendar is available at http://nfrmpo.org/calendar/categories/outreach-events/.



MPO Staff help kids play "Transportation Trivia" at a local open streets event. Image Credit: NFRMPO Staff

This year, NFRMPO staff has already attended the following events:

- Fort Collins Earth Day
- Johnstown BBQ Day
- Berthoud Day
- Bike to Work Day (Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland)

NFRMPO staff will or plan to attend the following events:

- Eaton Days
- LaSalle Days
- Evans Heritage Day
- Milliken Beef N Bean Day
- Severance Days

- Loveland Corn Roast Festival
- Taste of Timnath
- Windsor Harvest Festival
- Greeley Friday Fest

Governor Hickenlooper Visits Long View Trail on Bill-Signing Tour

On Friday, May 18 Governor John Hickenlooper made stops in Greeley, Fort Collins, and Loveland as part of a bill-signing tour. His last stop in the region was at Sunset Vista Natural Area in Loveland, where he viewed the construction progress of the Long View Trail, a segment of NFRMPO's Regional Non-Motorized Corridor #8. During his visit, Hickenlooper signed HB-1400, the Air Fees Bill, which ensures the State is able to hire staff in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to be able to inspect and issue permits for stationary sources of pollution.

The 4.4-mile Long View Trail will be the second inter-city trail funded in the last two years through a partnership between Loveland, Fort Collins, and Larimer County. Additional funding for the trail came from CDOT and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). During the bill-signing event, Hickenlooper spoke with City of Loveland Staff and local elected officials about the recent successes and challenges of trail development in northern Colorado. The Long View Trail is scheduled to open to the public in summer 2018.



Left to right: Governor John Hickenlooper, NFRMPO Planning Council Chair, Tom Donnelly, and State Representative Hugh McKean pose for a photo at the Sunset Vista Natural Area. Image Credit: Great Western Trail Authority.

Construction Updates

Summer, also known as the construction season, is underway in the North Front Range. The project listing and map indicate the location and scheduling of roadway and trail construction projects in 2018 and beyond. For current information on CDOT's projects, view the **Construction Report** at http://www.cotrip.org/constructionReport.htm. For CDOT scheduled lane closures, please visit the **Travel Center** at https://www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html.

Check the list below to see where you can find even more information on roadway construction and capital improvement projects.

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Local Construction Information

Community	Website						
Berthoud	Streets Department: http://www.berthoud.org/departments/public-works/streets-and-drainage-department						
Eaton	Public Records: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofeaton/public-records-3						
Evans	Public Works: http://www.evanscolorado.gov/publicworks						
	FC Trip: http://www.fcgov.com/fctrip/						
Fort Collins	Streets Department: http://www.fcgov.com/streets/						
	Engineering: http://www.fcgov.com/engineering/						
Greeley	Public Works: http://greeleygov.com/services/pw						
Greeley	Cone Zone and Capital Improvements Maps: http://greeleygov.com/government/gis						
Johnstown	Streets Department: http://www.townofjohnstown.com/20/Streets						
LaSalle	Public Works: http://www.lasalletown.com/Town_of_LaSalle/Public_Works.html						
Loveland	Streets Department: http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/departments/public-works/streets						
Loveland	Cone Zone: http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/departments/public-works/cone-zone						
Milliken	Public Works: http://www.millikenco.gov/town_services/public_works/index.php						
Severance	Engineering: http://townofseverance.org/government/departments/engineering/						
Timnath	Engineering: http://timnath.org/business/engineering/						
Windsor	Town Projects: https://www.windsorgov.com/575/Town-Projects						
Lavinaan Carreter	Engineering: http://www.larimer.org/engineering/						
Larimer County	Road Event Status System (RESS): http://www.larimer.org/roads/road_closures/						
Weld County	Public Works: https://www.weldgov.com/departments/public_works						

- 1 1st St Chip Seal: Jefferson to 5th Summer-Fall 2018
- 2 1st St Chip Seal: Taft to Railroad
- 3 37th Hot-in-Place Recycling: Madison to Boise
- 4 8th St Hot-in-Place Recycling: Taft to Garfield
 Summer-Fall 2018
- 5 Boyd Lake Ave Overlay: UP RR Xing to 71st
 Summer-Fall 2018
- 6 Colorado Ave Overlay: 8th to US34 Summer-Fall 2018
- 7 County Line Rd Overlay: Big Thompson to 0.5 mi S Summer 2018
- 8 Duffield Ave Chip Seal: 29th to 37th Summer-Fall 2018

- 9 Eastman Park Dr Asphalt Seal Coat: 7th to SH257
- Jacoby Rd Asphalt Seal Coat: 17th to
 15th
 Summer 2018
- 11 Laporte Ave Concrete Repairs: Shields to Whitcomb Summer-Fall 2018
- 12 LCR 5 Asphalt Seal Coat: LCR 32E to to LCR 34C Summer 2018
- 13 Lincoln Hot-in-Place Recycling: 29th to 37th Summer-Fall 2018
- Monroe Ave Hot-in-Place Recycling: 41st to Ptarmigan Run Summer-Fall 2018
- SH14 Surface Treatment: US287 to

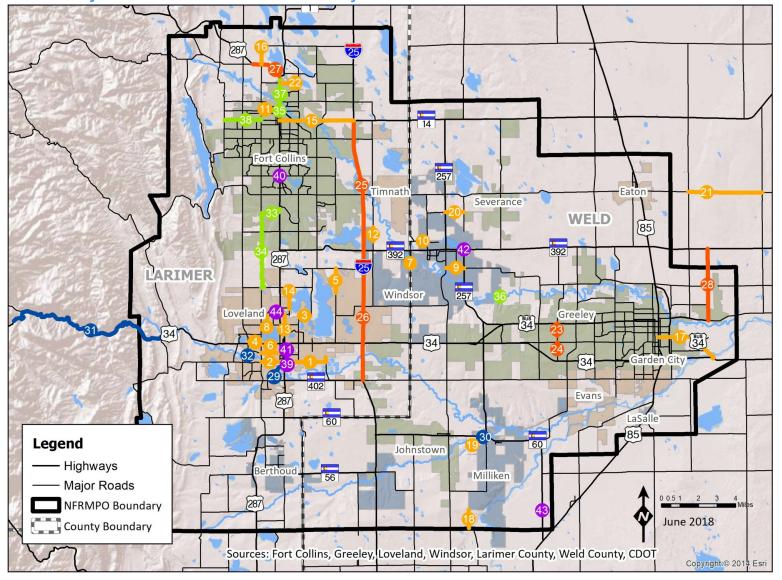
Summer-Fall 2018

- Shields St Paving: SH287 to LCR 54
 Summer 2018
- 17 US34 Business Surface Treatment: 8th to US34 Summer 2018
- WCR 19 Maintenance: WCR 38 to WCR 40
 Summer 2018
- WCR 46.5 Maintenance: WCR 19 to Milliken CL
- WCR 72 Maintenance: SH257 to WCR 19
 Summer 2018
- WCR 74 Maintenance: WCR 43 to WCR 51
- Willox Ln Cape Seal: E of US 287 to Lemay

Summer 2018

Surface Treatment

Roadway and Trail Construction Projects



Expansion

- 71st Ave Expansion: 10th to 17th
 Summer-Fall 2018
- 71st Ave Expansion: 20th to 22nd Summer-Fall 2018
- 25 I-25 Express Lanes: SH392 to SH14 Fall 2019 - Spring 2021
- 26 I-25 Express Lanes: SH402 to SH392 Summer 2018 - Summer 2019
- 27 US287: SH1 to LaPorte Bypass Summer-Fall 2018
- WCR 47 Construction: WCR 60.5 to SH392

Non-Motorized

- 33 Fossil Creek Trail Summer-Fall 2018
- 34 Long View Trail
 Summer 2018
- 35 North College Bike/Ped Improvements
- Poudre Trail Washout Repair
 Fall 2018
- 37 Suniga New Road and Protected Bike Lanes
 Fall-Winter 2018
- West Mulberry Street Improvements and Pilot Project
 Summer 2018

Intersection Improvements

- 39 Safe Routes to School: Grant and 1st;
 Garfield and 4th
- 40 Horsetooth and College
- 41 Lincoln and 1st Right Turn Lane Summer-Fall 2018
- 42 SH257 and SH392 Roundabout Summer 2018
- 43 SH60 and WCR 40 Summer 2018
- 44 US287 and Orchards Signal Replacement Summer-Fall 2018

Flood Repair

29 Railroad Ave Flood Repair

- SH60 and SH257 Little Thompson Structures Summer-Fall 2018
- 31 US34 Big Thompson Canyon Summer-Fall 2018
- 32 Wilson Ave Realignment Summer-Winter 2018



Cars maneuver through road construction zone on Boise Ave north of Eisenhower Blvd in Loveland. Image Credit: Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald

Cone Zone Driving Tips

A Guide for Safely Navigating Construction and Summer Road Conditions

Summertime: longer days, warmer weather, and major traffic delays. The same reasons that make it great for an evening bike ride make it a great time to catch up on roadway maintenance and repairs. Whether you are a pedestrian, cyclist, or driver, consider the following tips to help you safely navigate this season's Cone Zone. For even more information about summer safety, check out the NHTSA Summer Driving Tips for 2018 at: https://one.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/tips/summer/



1. Go Slow. Construction zones may require slower speeds to ensure the safety of workers and road users. Obey all posted speed limits and use caution when traveling through construction zones.



2. Share the Road. If you are driving, provide alternative mode users plenty of space and only pass when safe to do so.



3. Remain Alert. Driving distracted is one of the leading causes of crashes. Remain alert and minimize distractions while driving, biking, or walking. If you have to use your phone, pull over when it is safe to do so before checking any text messages or making any phone calls.



4. Anticipate Time Delays. Inevitably, construction can lead to temporary delays along your tried and true routes. Do not get caught off guard, leave earlier than you normally would or plan an alternate route. Apps, like Waze, provide up-to-date information about construction zones and travel time.

2045 Regional Transit Element (RTE) Update

NFRMPO Staff began work on the first update in this *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* cycle in January with 2045 Regional Transit Element (RTE). After extensive community outreach, including meetings with transportation advisory boards, mobility committees, community event outreach, and a survey that reached nearly 500 people, NFRMPO crafted a preliminary vision for the North Front Range's future transit network.

The draft vision statement for the *2045 RTE* is "A **Transit Network for Everyone**." But what will our regional transit network actually look like in 2045? We envision the 2045 regional transit network will...

- Goal 1: Be efficient and effective.
- Goal 2: Integrate with multiple modes.
- Goal 3: Enhance mobility for all users.
- Goal 4: Continue to leverage new technologies.

Feedback received to date also allowed staff to begin crafting a series of desired routes to highlight as part of the 2045 RTE scenario plan. The map below shows the most commonly requested corridors.

2045 RTE Draft of Proposed Corridors To Wellington Eaton WELD 85 LARIMER To Estes Park 34 Loveland Garden City Legend **Proposed Corridors** 287 Evans To Fort Morgan LaSalle. County Road 74 85 Fort Collins-Wellington Johnstown Greeley to Fort Collins RR Greeley to Loveland RR Berthoud Milliken Greeley-Fort Morgan 1-25 Loveland-Estes Park Poudre Express US 287 Copyright:® 2014 Esri **US34** To Denver To Boulder To Denver **NFRMPO** US85 lun 2018 Windsor-Loveland Sources: CDOT, NFRMPO NFRMPO Boundary

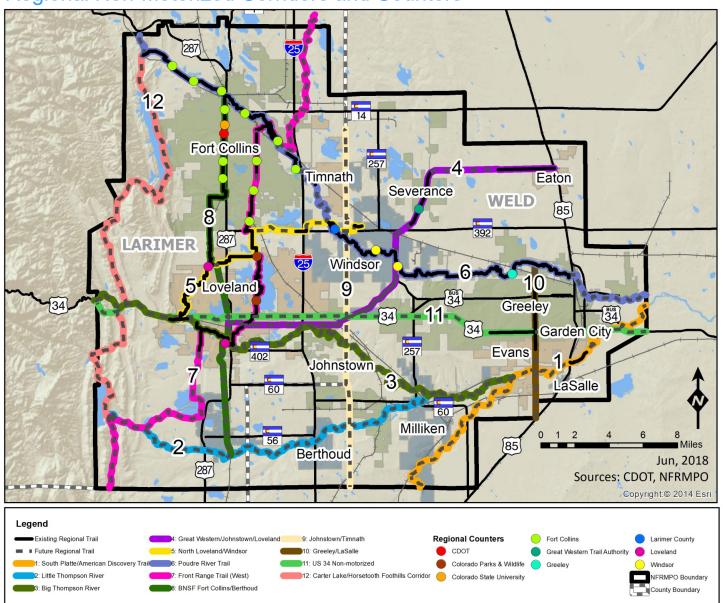
Connecting Our Communities without Cars

In March 2013, the NFRMPO Planning Council adopted the 2013 Regional Bicycle Plan. With the adoption of the Plan, the North Front Range established a network of Regional Bicycle Corridors for travel between communities. Five years have passed and a lot is happening along these corridors. With the adoption of the 2016 Non-Motorized Plan, they became known as Regional Non-Motorized Corridors (RNMCs) due to their ability to accommodate pedestrian travel as well. Although the alignment of many of the RNMCs remains conceptual, agencies across Northern Colorado are working hard to make them a reality.

Following the 2013 floods, several NFRMPO communities shifted their focus from constructing new trails to repairing damage on existing trails. Trails with extensive damage included the American Discovery Trail in Evans (RNMC #1), Poudre River Trail (RNMC #6), and Loveland Rec Trail (RNMC #7). With most of these repairs finished or nearing completion, the pace of trail construction in the North Front Range region is picking back up. See the map below and infographic on the following page for a snapshot of RNMC progress.

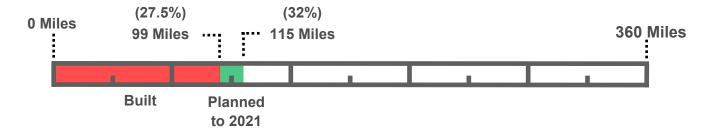
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Regional Non-Motorized Corridors and Counters



Regional Non-Motorized Corridors by the Numbers

Though it is not known when the full network of RNMCs will be completed, the region is well on its way toward achieving the 360 miles of trail expected to connect our communities. Already, over 25 percent of the trail network has been constructed, with the help of local partners, CDOT, and federal grants.



RNMC Quick Facts

- In 2017, RNMCs were used approximately **3,100,000** times.
- There are 23 devices counting visitors on the RNMCs.
- In the last 15 years, \$6,278,000 federal funding was awarded to the RNMCs through the NFRMPO.
- The average cost to construct one mile of 10 foot-wide, paved trail is \$1,000,000* in 2018 dollars.

BUILD Grant Application to be Submitted

The NFRMPO will be submitting an application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary grant program to improve North I-25. The BUILD program replaces the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The application for the North I-25 Project will be submitted prior to the July 19, 2018 deadline for \$25M for this \$250M project.

The project submitted will be similar to the one submitted for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant application in November 2017. Potential project components may include bridge replacements; increased capacity (third lane) by adding a



Image Credit: USDOT

managed express lane between SH56 and SH402; and straightening a substandard reverse curve currently creating a bottleneck along N I-25. There is a total of \$1.5B available in 2018 for the BUILD grant, applications are due on July 19, 2018. The US Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) will announce projects selected to receive BUILD awards in December 2018.

^{*}includes right-of-way acquisition, design, and construction

Project Update

North I-25 Express Lanes: Johnstown to Fort Collins

Work will begin later this year on the *North (N) I-25 Express Lanes: Johnstown to Fort Collins* project and is expected to continue through late 2021.

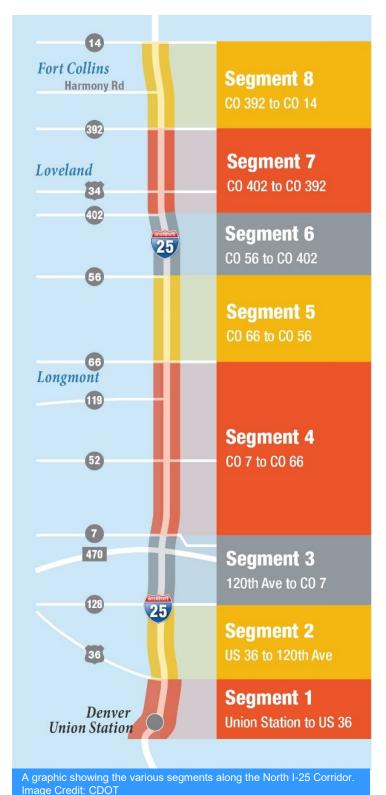
The project will increase capacity on N I-25 by adding an Express Lane in both directions, replacing four aging bridges and widening four additional bridges; add new bus slip ramps from N I-25 to the new Park-n-Ride at Kendall Parkway; build new pedestrian, bicycle access under N I-25 at Kendall Parkway; and connect the Cache la Poudre River Regional Trail under N I-25, which will also serve as a wildlife corridor.

Currently, there is ongoing geotechnical and preliminary surveying work in the corridor near the SH402 and US34 interchanges, which will result in intermittent shoulder closures on N I-25, the east frontage road, SH402, and US34. It is anticipated early utility relocation work will begin in June, specifically along SH402. This will include nighttime lane closures and daytime shoulder closures on SH402 and the east frontage road.

The first phase of construction is expected to begin in July 2018 along US34, widening it to three lanes in each direction, including bridge widening over N I-25. Work will occur during the day and at night, with some nighttime closures on US34 and N I-25. Advance notification of these closures will be provided ahead of time. Once the work on US34 is completed, the contractor will move the SH402 interchange. Information on the second phase of the project will be posted on the project website once a start date is determined.

The \$237 Million (M) project is funded through a combination of federal, state, and local funds, specifically a \$15M TIGER VIII grant award and \$55M in local match contributions from communities in the North Front Range Region.

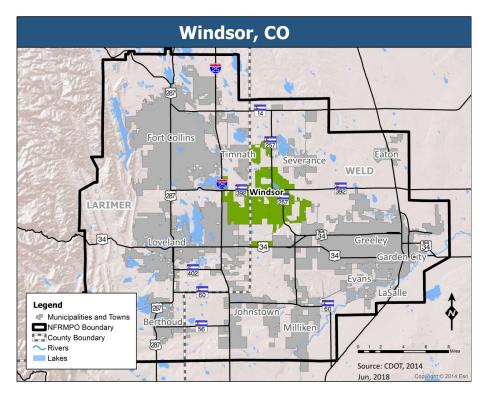
For more information on the project, visit the CDOT project page at https://www.codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/ johnstown-to-fort-collins.

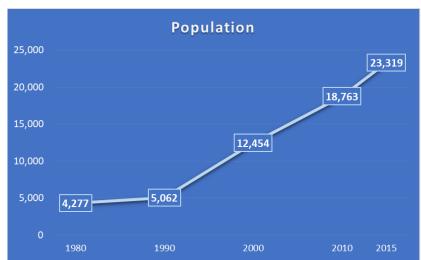


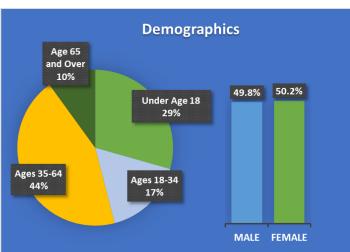
Quarterly Member Profile

Town of Windsor

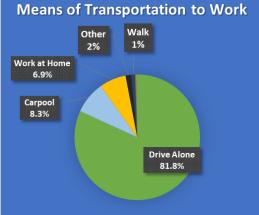
Windsor, Colorado is located in Larimer and Weld counties east of N I-25 and north of US34. Windsor was incorporated in 1890, and grew from 18,763 to 25,330 residents between 2010 and 2017 (U.S. Census Population Estimates Program, July 2017). Windsor sits at an elevation of 4,797 feet and occupies an area of 25.4 square miles. The charts below provide a snapshot of demographics, commute characteristics, and employment in the Town of Windsor. For more information, visit the Town of Windsor's website at: https://www.windsorgov.com/

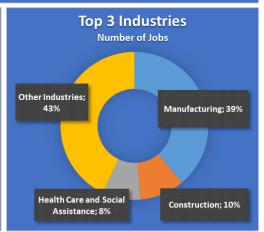












Sources: Population—DOLA County Population Time Series; Demographics—2010 Census; Commute Time in Minutes and Means of Transportation to Work—2016 5-year American Community Survey; and Industry—LEHD on the Map

Upcoming Events

NFRMPO staff will attend the community events, shown in yellow, for public outreach on air quality, the 2045 Regional Transit Element and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. For the most current calendar of outreach events, please visit http://nfrmpo.org/calendar/categories/outreach-events/.

July						
4th	INDEPENDENCE DAY	NFRMPO Office Closed				
5th 6:00 pm	NFRMPO Council Meeting	CANCELED				
6th 11:30 am	I-25 Funding Committee	Mimi's Cafe 1450 Fall River Dr, Loveland, CO 80537				
11th 10:00 am	NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative	Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room 250 N. 11 th Street, Windsor, CO 80550				
14th	Eaton Days	http://eatondays.org/				
18th 1:00 pm	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room 250 N. 11 th Street, Windsor, CO 80550				
21st	LaSalle Days	http://www.lasalletown.com/2209/LaSalle-Days				
24th 1:30 pm	Weld County Mobility Committee	TBD				
August						
1st 6:30	North I-25 Coalition Meeting	Southwest Weld County Services Center 4209 Weld CR 24 1/2, Longmont 80504				

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2nd 1:30 pm	Senior Transportation Coalition	Pathways Hospice, Longs Peak Room 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525			
2nd 6:00 pm	NFRMPO Council Meeting	Loveland Public Works Admin Building 2525 W. 1st Street, Loveland, CO 80537			
3rd 11:30 am	I-25 Funding Committee	Mimi's Cafe 1450 Fall River Dr, Loveland, CO 80537			
8th 10:00 am	NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative	Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room 250 N. 11 th Street, Windsor, CO 80550			
11th	Beef N' Bean Day	http://millikenco.gov/our_community/ beef n bean day.php			
15th 1:00 pm	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room 250 N. 11 th Street, Windsor, CO 80550			
16th 1:30 pm	Larimer County Mobility Committee	NFRMPO Office 419 Canyon Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80527			
18th	Severance Days	http://townofseverance.org/severance-days- 2018/			
24th-25th	Loveland Corn Roast Festival	https://www.loveland.org/TheCornRoastFestival/			

September		
2nd-3rd	Windsor Harvest Festival	https://www.windsorharvestfest.com/
3rd	LABOR DAY	NFRMPO Office Closed
5th 6:30 pm	North I-25 Coalition Meeting	Southwest Weld County Services Center 4209 Weld CR 24 1/2, Longmont 80504
6th 6:00 pm	NFRMPO Council Meeting	LaSalle Town Hall 128 N. 2nd Street, LaSalle, CO 80645
7th 12:30 pm	I-25 Funding Committee	Mimi's Cafe 1450 Fall River Dr, Loveland, CO 80537
12th 10:00 am	NoCo Bike & Ped Collaborative	Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room 250 N. 11 th Street, Windsor, CO 80550
15th	Evans Heritage Day	https://www.evanscolorado.gov/recreation/ heritage-day
19th 1:00 pm	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	Windsor Recreation Center, Pine Room 250 N. 11 th Street, Windsor, CO 80550
25th 1:30	Weld County Mobility Committee	TBD

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